

## **EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

1. Claims 17-32 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The closest prior art of record, U.S. Patent No. 4,314,521 to Lundberg, fails to teach or reasonably suggest the claimed invention. Specifically, Lundberg discloses an apparatus for treatment of underwater surfaces comprising a rotary disk member with plural nozzles. However, Lundberg fails to teach or reasonably suggest a device having the claimed nozzle configuration on a rotary disc member. For at least the foregoing reasons, claims 17-32 are believed to recite patentable subject matter.
3. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

### ***Conclusion***

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joseph L. Perrin whose telephone number is (571)272-1305. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:00-4:30.

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5. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael E. Barr can be reached on (571)272-1414. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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